

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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13thth April 2025 – Palm Sunday

A Thought... This past week we celebrated the funeral Mass for one of the Presentation sisters - she had spent a lifetime as a teacher and principal. As we gathered to pray for her and to commend her to the Lord it occurred to me that many, in fact countless, students whom she helped, taught, encouraged and supported in her work would be totally unaware that on that day we were celebrating her funeral Mass. People come into our lives - often in significant ways and roles, and leave a great impact, and then move on. Maybe this weekend we could pause, remember and pray for all those who in various ways helped us get to today.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am - Bridget & Richard Kenny, Stephen St, Thomas & Josephine Cantwell, St Francis Tce and all the deceased members of the Cantwell family, Mary O'Neill, Michael O'Neill and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Johnny Cullen, Arthur Connick, Annie Connick, Elizabeth McGrath, Mick & Bess Delaney, Goff Murrary.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €540.00; Baskets €1,474.94. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-25th May 2025

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19th-25th May 2025. Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer GAA pitch to Cork Airport. Full religious programme. Choice of 3* & 4* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings JWT 01-2410800 or info@joewalshstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

Trócaire

You will see at the back of the church the Trócaire boxes. We invite you to take one home and to make this a part of your journey through Lent. Anything raised helps transform the lives of those who need it most. Thank you.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one support to people who are bereaved and can be contacted on 086 0670566 to arrange an appointment or make an enquiry.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 - Annual Good Friday Walk Theme *The Cross, A Sign of Hope*

This year's Annual Good Friday Walk will take place on **Good Friday, 18th April 2025 beginning at 7.00 p.m.** St. John's Church, where Bishop Niall will lead the *Jubilee Year of Hope Good Friday Walk*, themed: "*The Cross – A Sign of Hope*" The walk will proceed down John Street, continue along High Street, and conclude at the Capuchin Friary with Taizé Prayer around the Cross. Bishop Niall extends an invitation to all people to join this meaningful journey of reflection and faith.

Mass of Chrism

Bishop Niall extends an invitation to all people to attend the **Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, at 7.30 p.m.** in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, and very much looks forward to meeting people, religious and priests on the evening.

Easter Ceremonies at St. Mary's Cathedral

Holy Thursday – 6.00pm – The Lord's Supper
Good Friday – 3.00pm – The Passion of Our Lord
Easter Saturday – 9.00pm – Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday – 11.00am Mass – **No 5.30pm Mass**

Mayfair Library

Easter-themed Craft afternoon takes place on Wed April 16th at 3.30pm. Age group: 5+. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Booking is essential Te. 056 7794174

St Mary's Cathedral Cafe

Our Volunteers: Everyone who greets you in St. Mary's Cathedral café are volunteers giving their time freely. They believe in making our café a space where people of the community can connect & know they are not alone. **Why Support us:** Teac Tom provides affordable and immediate services to help those struggling with their mental health or who have been bereaved by suicide. All profits from St Mary's Cathedral Café go directly to supporting mental health services & suicide intervention provided by Teac Tom. Please call in to your community cafe for a cuppa. We're open at the moment **Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-1pm**

Mother of Fair Love School is looking for a Bus Escort and to form a panel for Bus Escort positions that may arise over the coming months. Please apply with CV to principal@motheroffairlove.ie or by post to The Principal, Mother of Fair Love School, James's Street, Kilkenny or call the office at 056-7721352 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare approx. 1 hour per week? The "Meals on Wheels" service need new volunteers to deliver meals around Kilkenny city. Must be a car driver. If you would like to join our team please ring the Kilkenny Social Services at this number: 056 7721685

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm and Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

Readers Next Weekend 11.00am M. Whelan, 5.30pm Sr. Nuala.
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 R. Neary, K. Moran, M. Walsh, 5.30pm T. Lawlor, F. Culleton

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

Contact: safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact: **Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP**, Ailish Higgins at 087 8021633

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302; Laois/Offaly 044 9353997; Waterford 053 9198201

An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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